

**SYNOPSIS of GDL
(Graduated Drivers License)
ACT # 02-408
Effective October 1, 2002**

1. Does not apply to individuals 18 years of age or older.
2. Does not apply to individuals 17 years of age or older who have had a valid drivers license for 6 months or longer.
3. Does not apply to individuals who are 16 years of age or older who is married or the head of household.
4. Does not apply to individuals that have been legally relieved of minority status (the state or period of being below the legal age).
5. A person under the age of 18 may not apply for an unrestricted driver's license until that person has held a learner's license for at least a six-month period with no violations of the restrictions.

15 year olds with a valid learner's license are authorized to drive while accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or a person who is 21 years of age or older who is a licensed driver and occupies the front seat next to the driver or when accompanied by a licensed or certified driving instructor occupying the front seat by the driver.

16 year olds must have parental or legal guardian permission to receive a license and to drive without supervision.

AND

The student must have a verification form provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), signed by a parent or legal guardian or certified driving instructor verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED a minimum of 30 hours of behind-the wheel (BTW) practice.

OR

The student must submit a completion form supplied by the State Department of Education (SDE) verifying that the applicant has COMPLETED an SDE approved Driver Education course.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE LICENSE OF A PERSON WHO IS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR AGE 17 WITH A LICENSE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS:

1. The student may not operate a vehicle between midnight and 6:00 AM unless:
 - a. Accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 - b. Accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is duly licensed and has the consent of the licensee's parent or legal guardian.
 - c. Going to or from their regular workplace.
 - d. Going to or from a school sponsored event.
 - e. Going to or from a religious sponsored event.
 - f. Driving for the purpose of a medical, fire, or law enforcement related emergency.
2. May not have more than 4 occupants in the vehicle excluding a parent or legal guardian of licensee. (Three friends, driver and parent maximum).

ENFORCEMENT:

Violation of the above conditions will cause the licensee to be guilty of a traffic violation, but shall not be subject to any criminal penalties or court costs. No citation will be issued for a traffic violation unless the licensee is stopped for a separate violation of the law and issued a citation or warrant for the separate violation. No points will be assessed for violation of the above restrictions.

Violation of any of the above restrictions will result in the restrictive period being extended by six months or until the driver reaches 18 years of age.

If a licensee is convicted of a second moving traffic or is convicted of failure to give information, render aid, racing, fleeing, or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, reckless driving, illegal passing, driving on the wrong side of the road, or any other offense where four or more points are assessed, their license will automatically be suspended for 60 days or until age 18, whichever comes first. This rule will also apply to other violations as designated by rules or regulations that may be imposed pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.